

Audit Committee

Minutes (AC(2)-03-05)

Meeting date: Thursday 21 April 2005

Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Janet Davies (Chair)	South Wales West
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
Carl Sargeant	Alyn and Deeside
Catherine Thomas	Llanelli

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item(s)
Professor Philip Gummett	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	2

Richard Hirst	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	2
Chris Cowburn	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	2
Dr David Grant	Cardiff University	2
Scott Allin	Cardiff University	2

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Jeremy Colman	Auditor General for Wales
Matthew Mortlock	Wales Audit Office
Ian Summers	Wales Audit Office
Rob Powell	Wales Audit Office
David Powell	Assembly Compliance Officer

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Kathryn Jenkins	Committee Clerk
Liz Wilkinson	Deputy Committee Clerk

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.

1.3 In respect of item 2, Leighton Andrews declared an interest as Visiting Professor at Cardiff University and that his wife was a Member of the Council of the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Item 2: Energy and Water Management in the Higher Education Sector in Wales
Paper: AC(2) 04-05(p1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Professor Philip Gummatt, Chief Executive, Richard Hirst, Director of Finance and Risk, and Chris Cowburn, Head of Estates of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, and from Dr David Grant, Vice-Chancellor and Scott Allin, Financial Controller of Cardiff University

Item 3: Final Programme of Value for Money Examinations for 2005-06
Paper: AC(2) 04-05(p2)

3.1 The Auditor General for Wales presented his final programme for value for money examinations 2005-06, which was noted by the Committee.

Item 4: The Code of Audit & Inspection Practice

Papers: AC(2) 04-05(p3) and AC(2) 04-05(p4)

4.1 The Auditor General for Wales introduced his Code of Audit & Inspection Practice, which was noted by the Committee.

Item 5: Minutes of the previous meeting

Paper: AC(2) 03-05(mins)

5.1 The Committee approved the minutes of its 3 March 2005 meeting.

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8.24 (vi).

Private Session

Item 6: To consider the draft Committee report NHS Waiting Times in Wales

Paper: AC(2) 04-05(p5)

6.1 Subject to minor amendments the Committee approved its report NHS Waiting Times in Wales.